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The CERT Program, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Citizen Corp Program, helps train people to be better prepared to respond to Emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies occur, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety of the community.

The CERT concept was developed and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1985. FEMA made this training available nationally in 1993. Since this time, CERT programs have been established in more than 340 communities in 45 states.

The Town of Brookline's CERT team now consists of 95 trained and dedicated volunteers who are willing to assist emergency response personnel in times of crisis.

CERT trainees received training in public safety and emergency response procedures, the Incident Command System (ICS), the National Incident Management System (NIMS), basic fire suppression, CPR/AED and first aid, Red Cross Shelter Operations, avian flu awareness, and other skills that can be utilized to assist used to respond to a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

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